

Without understanding and respecting these fundamental principles of sovereignty, nation-states would have their territorial integrity infringed upon, be subordinated to outside imposed actions, or come under threat from other hostile forces. That is why I cofounded the House Sovereignty Caucus here in Congress.

We must never forget that the supreme law of the land is the U.S. Constitution, Federal laws made pursuant to the Constitution and treaties made under the Constitution's authority. Upholding this supreme law is what makes America great.

Threats to U.S. sovereignty are being attempted every day. We must stay on guard against them, both from without and from within. We must uphold the supreme law of the land. If we divert from this law, we will lose our sovereignty and our freedom.

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RECOGNIZING COACH JERRY CLAY

(Mr. WESTERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 43 years of service to young men in Garland County, Arkansas, by Coach Jerry Clay, whose 269 wins as head coach at Fountain Lake High School and Lake Hamilton High School are sixth all-time on the list of most wins in Arkansas high school football.

Good coaches have the ability to teach their players to win consistently on the field. Great coaches teach their players to be winners in life. Jerry Clay is a great coach. Not only has he coached 14 conference championships and had teams compete in six State championships—winning two—many young men he coached have gone on to excel in virtually all areas of society, from doctors, to businessmen, to true American heroes like SEAL Team 6 operator Adam Brown, whose life story was chronicled in the best-seller book, "Fearless."

I will forever be grateful for the investment Jerry Clay made in my life as my coach, and I wish him many happy years in retirement.

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND NATIONAL EMS WEEK

(Mr. ZELDIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week and National EMS Week, which is when we pause to reflect and honor the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty while serving to protect us. We also pay our respects to all who continue to serve us today. All lives matter. These men and women risk their lives for the

safety and security of communities all throughout our country.

With the terrorist acts in Paris, Belgium, and around the world, we are constantly reminded of how dangerous this world can be. When these attacks occur, they are the ones who run head-on into the mayhem and chaos without fear to do everything in their power to save as many people as they can.

Unfortunately, today we are witnessing the shameful targeting of our first responders and police officers. Their authority is constantly being questioned, making an already difficult job even more dangerous. It seems we cannot go a day without hearing on the news that police officers have been shot or even killed in trying to do their jobs.

We must unite around our police officers and first responders and support them just as they support us each and every day.

TIME FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. POLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, my friends, the time for immigration reform is now so as to increase our economic growth, creating good jobs for Americans; to reduce our budget deficit by over \$200 billion; to improve our national security so we know who is here and what they are doing; to make sure that people who are here legally have the ability to get jobs and so that we have the ability to screen out people who are violating our laws; to restore the rule of law; to secure our border; to unite families so we don't tear American children from their immigrant parents.

For all of these reasons and more, it is time for this body to act. Only Congress can pass comprehensive immigration reform. Only Congress can enforce our laws. Only Congress can ensure that we grow our economy, meet the needs of our labor force, grow jobs for American families, and increase wages, all through comprehensive immigration reform.

I call upon my Republican and Democratic friends to stop waiting and to act and to take up comprehensive immigration reform now.

CENTRE COUNTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR WINNER CHERYL JOHNSON

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Cheryl Johnson, a resident of Centre County in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District, who was recently named Centre County Volunteer of the Year by the county's Chamber of Business and Industry.

For more than 20 years, Cheryl has been the executive director of the Private Industry Council of the Central Corridor, or PICCC, a nonprofit organization which focuses on improving workplace effectiveness and preparing people for either first-time employment, making career changes, or returning to the workforce. It is estimated that PICCC and its staff impact more than 15,000 people annually in Bedford, Blair, and Centre Counties.

During her time with PICCC, Cheryl has dealt with challenges, including the county's transition from being a manufacturing economy to being one that is more service driven. As evidence to PICCC's success and the good work of other organizations, the county regularly has the lowest unemployment rate in Pennsylvania.

Cheryl's good work in Centre County extends beyond PICCC, to volunteer efforts with the United Way, Leadership Centre County, and the Juniata Valley Council Boy Scouts of America. She is an essential part of our community, and I congratulate her on earning this recognition which came as a result of her hard work.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4909, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 732 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 732

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114-51, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the